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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7296

BILL NUMBER: HB 1231

DATE PREPARED: Jan 8, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Alcoholic Beverage Signs.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill eliminates the prohibition against: (1) an alcoholic beverage primary source of supply or a wholesaler selling or giving an illuminated advertising sign to a retail or dealer permittee; and (2) a retail or dealer permittee being the recipient of an illuminated advertising sign.

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Revenues: Under current law, a person who violates the prohibitions that are eliminated by this bill commits a Class B misdemeanor. This bill has the potential of causing a minimal reduction in the number of Class B misdemeanor proceedings heard in court. If fewer court cases occur and fewer fines are collected, revenue to both the Common School Fund and the state General Fund would decrease. The maximum fine for a Class B misdemeanor is \$1,000. Criminal fines are deposited in the Common School Fund. If the case is filed in a circuit, superior, county or municipal court (courts of record), 70% of the \$120 court fee that is assessed and collected when a guilty verdict is entered would be deposited in the state General Fund. If the case is filed in a city or town court, 55% of the fee would be deposited in the state General Fund.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill could decrease jail expenses. A Class B misdemeanor is punishable by up to 180 days in jail. The average daily cost to incarcerate a prisoner in a county jail is approximately \$44.

Explanation of Local Revenues: If fewer court actions occur, local governments would receive less court fee revenue.

State Agencies Affected: Alcohol and Tobacco Commission.

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources: Don Okey, Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, 232-2463.